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1. An example of privileged treatment of a former Nationalist official is General CH'ENG Ch'ien, head of the Military Affairs Commission of Hunan. WANG Shou-tao (王首道) Chairman of the Hunan Government has ordered that General CH'ENG is to have everything he wants. This state of things is in fact more or less realized, as CH'ENG rarely goes to his office, but spends most of his time with his pretty concubine at his red brick villa at Chenchialung (陳家龍). Here nine of Changsha's best restaurants serve him frequent feasts, which he could not possibly afford on his official monthly salary of 3,400 catties of rice.
2. The explanation is that 120 out of the Military Affairs Commissioner's 300 staff are notional bodies, and their pay goes to CH'ENG. There is some grumbling about this state of affairs, but none of the local officials are prepared to take action as they know that CH'ENG has protection from above. General CH'ENG's answer to this whispered criticism, of which he is aware, is merely to simulate poverty by announcing that "owing to lack of funds, some of his staff must now feed themselves at their own expense out of their pay".
3. CH'ENG now plays an unimportant role in public affairs, although he used to be a rice chairman of the Military and Administrative Committee of the Central and South China region, and even now is the supreme military authority in his own province.
4. Of recent months all CH'ENG's official duties have been discharged by his Secretary-General TUAN Meng-huil; but TUAN has just been transferred to the Military Operations Headquarters, so LIU Ta-ching (刘大经), another subordinate - now acts for CH'ENG instead.
5. CH'ENG's speeches, orders, and announcements are all censored beforehand by HUANG K'o-ch'eng (黄克诚), Chief Secretary of the Provincial Government; but CH'ENG does not appear to mind this in the least.

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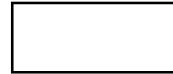
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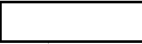
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1.  Comment. This name received without a character for the surname, may possibly be in error for CHANG Meng-hsu (張孟旭) appointed September 1949 Secretary General of the Hunan Government.

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